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Another eastbound freight train, which Conductor McColl was running, the engine of the latter dashing into the hind end of McCullough's caboose. A brakeman's reported injured but not seriously. Several cars and an engine are in the ditch. The wrecking train left here about seven this evening.

HOCKEY BOYS IN OLD FORM.

The opening game of the intermediate series between our Thistles and the Winnipeg took place late Saturday night after the arrival of the delayed train from Winnipeg, and resulted in an overwhelming victory for our boys.

The Winnipeg boys, accompanied by Claude Nash, Burke Wood and two or three other supporters, arrived on the military special about 10:30, but late as it was there was a very fair attendance at Victoria rink. Burke Wood, of the Vics, was referee, and when he called the two teams out they lined up as follows:

Rat Portage.
Dunlop, Goal. Lindsay, Backs. Baillie, Cover. Richards, Forwards. Hooper, Davidson. Fraser, Seagram. McElmish, Nose.

The referee wasted but little time in preliminaries and both teams were away at a hot pace. The scene of conflict soon drifted to the Winnipeg goal where it remained nearly all the half. The Rat Portage forwards rained shot after shot on the flags and getting five scores to nil in the first half. In the second half our boys put seven more on the slate, making the final score 12 to nil. One thing in the first half both Phillips and Hooper were on the fence for rough checking, but the "Pags" could not score against five men.

RANDOLPH FOUND GUILTY.

Grand Rapids, Minn., Dec. 13.—The jury in the Randolph murder case brought in their verdict yesterday afternoon after being in confinement twenty-two hours. It was manslaughter in the first degree, and while a surprise to some, was not unexpected by those who had noted the length of time the jury remained in deliberation.

It is understood the failure of the defendant to explain why he returned to the hotel with his gun after being ordered out by Sullivan, is responsible for the verdict. Senator Baldwin, the defendants counsel, asked for a stay as soon as the jury had been polled. Senter will be pronounced on Randolph some time before court adjourns, however.

An attempt was made to burn the Niagara street Methodist church, St. Catharines.

Chief John Henry has been acquitted at London of the charge of wounding soldiers' graves in South Africa.

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HOUSING AT LAST.

Mr. Belyea objected to the town employing expensive counsel from outside points and was supported in his contention by Chairman Brydon.

Mr. Chadwick said it was the town's imperative duty to rectify the very bad council, as most lawsuits were won, not so much on strict equity as upon the delicacy of the pleading counsel. The motion was carried after Couns. Belyea and Brydon registered the nay votes upon it.

The by-law arranging for the nomination and election of mayor and aldermen was read twice, after which the council adjourned.

DROPPED BOTH AT LAST.

Durban, Dec. 13.—A dispatch received here from Nkandha, Zululand, dated Dec. 12 and delayed in transmission by the censor, tells of a recent action near Lambeg, Transvaal, in which Commandant Louis Botha was severely shot through the left leg below the knee. He only escaped capture by crawling into the bush. His present whereabouts is unknown to his own followers. The dispatch adds that the British took eighty prisoners in that action.

The postmaster at Beaufort has an income of \$5,312.

While coming down a hill in Owen Sound William Leslie was thrown from his sleigh under a buggy and terribly injured. His left ear was nearly torn off.

The "United Gold Field of British Columbia" will apply to Parliament for authority to build a railway from Frank, Northwest Territories, in a northerly direction to Grassy Mountain.

George Clark, veterinary surgeon, of Grimsby, committed suicide by poisoning himself in the Lincoln House Bar.

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THE RIDEOUT PETITION.

The Town Councillor who advocates private against municipal ownership of public franchises, sometimes finds himself entangled in the strangest and most inexplicable tangles of economic polity. Here for instance is a peculiar spectacle: Coun. Belyea is the warmest advocate of private ownership of our electric franchise, and yet showed by his burst of sympathy with the people's cause with the Rideout water supply, that he is unconsciously a fanatical adherent of the public ownership religion—unless as is likely the case he was playing the game of catching votes by demagogic utterances.

The private C. T. & E. Co. run their business on business principles, and they make no rebates to people who are not in a position to pay full rates. Indeed they would become a laughing stock in the business world if they attempted to do anything like what Coun. Belyea proposed in connection with the Rideout water supply, and yet Mr. Belyea is fighting against municipal ownership—or trying to fool the voters.

Conn. Chadwick on the other hand was frigidly logical and he will lose votes. He thought the Rideout people should pay the same as anybody else—or at least according to the schedule of the waterworks management.

We don't. We claim that a town council is not a political, inexorable stamp mill, or a soulless corporation, but a body of men representing not only the business interests of the town, but also and more emphatically the best interests of the town. The HAPPINESS of the people should be considered before, an alleged creditable book of accounts, which means nothing.

And from a business standpoint even we declare that the people of the Rideout are not getting a square deal. Fifty cents a month is too much to pay for the privilege of carrying water from a hydrant, in a twenty below temperature. You can get water in your house for 84c. a month, and the town has to carry the water to the street line in front of your house.

A MODERN NEW TESTAMENT.

The translation of the "Twentieth Century New Testament" has been completed in Chicago. The object of the book is to clothe the ideas of the New Testament in modern language. Following is a sample of the old King James version as compared with the new one. The text is that of Timothy

tion of the Morden and Northwestern and Canadian Northern Railways, for which application has been made, is a proposal to combine with the C. N. R. the road known as the St. Charles extension, which now runs to Carman. "Our firm," he said, "bought the Morden and Northwestern charter and built the extension under it last summer. All that is asked is authorization to amalgamate with the C. N. R. system."

THE Peoples Forum

We do not hold ourselves responsible for any opinions expressed by our correspondents. All letters must be accompanied by the name of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

Rat Portage, Dec. 10th, 1901.

To the Editor of The Miner:

Sir,—I would be glad to have you print for the benefit of the directors of the Citizens' Telephone & Electric Co., an account of Co-operative Telephone systems of Grand Rapids, Wis., according to the evidence given before a commission at Washington the net cost to the members is \$3 per year for residences and \$18 per year for a business phone after paying all expenses. Either there is something rotten in the management of the Citizens' Co. or they are making more than the Dutchman's one per cent., or as one of Cunningham's couplets puts it:

"In matters of trade, the fault of the Dutch is giving too little and asking too much."

And according to a report from Neepawa, Man., where steam power is used, the cost of running a telephone system of 120 phones, 1,400 incandescent lights and 150 street lights is \$5,770.34, and the revenue \$7,801.73, which shows a net profit of \$2,023.37, under municipal management.

According to the report of Mr. R. B. Donkin, made to the town council, the Citizens' Co. are collecting from the users of electric light about \$18,250, to which must be added \$2,100 paid by the town for street lighting, etc., and a rough estimate of the income from telephones would be \$2,400, which amounts to \$22,750. Of course the exact figures cannot be got at, as a number of the stockholders of the Citizens' Co. refused to give any information to Mr. Donkin.

The electric light system is so wretchedly installed that part of the system burns out the lamps and part of it the lamps are no better than tall oil dips.

The telephone system is so badly constructed and managed, that no other community in America would put up with it. If the town purchases the telephone plant I will venture to say that experts will value it at not more than 25% on the dollar of cost. The Bell Telephone Co., within the past 18 months, threw out a better one and put in one that is up to date, and it is a pleasure to talk over it. All the untidy wires have been taken their place. As for induction or crows they are comparatively nil.

Your faithfully,

THE HARPOON GUN.

A Formidable Weapon That Is Used on the Blue Whale.

To pursue the blue whale successfully a boat is required that can steam 12 knots an hour and which is furnished with a formidable weapon known as the harpoon gun.

The harpoon gun is a ponderous piece of apparatus and consists of a pedestal on which it can rotate horizontally. The gun has also a vertical motion and can be turned quickly in whatever direction the prow of the ship dominates. On the top of the gun are "slides" for aiming, just as in a rifle. Behind the stock, which is grasped in the hand when firing the gun, and beneath it the trigger. The breech is a boxlike arrangement situated just where the stock is fastened to the gun proper. The gun is loaded in the muzzle end of the barrel, and the harpoon is tightly rammed into it. To discharge the gun a small cartridge, with a wire attached, is first put into the breech. Pressure on the trigger causes a pull on the wire, which ignites the cartridge and discharges the gun simultaneously.

The harpoon is about six feet in length and very massive. It consists essentially of three parts—the anterior conical portion, the movable barbs and the shaft. The anterior conical piece is an explosive shell filled with gunpowder and screws on to the rest of the harpoon. The explosive shell is fired with a time fuse after the harpoon is imbedded in the whale.

Behind the explosive conical piece lie the four barbs, situated at right angles to each other. These barbs are always bound down tightly together with thin rope when the harpoon is going to be discharged. As the harpoon penetrates the flesh of the whale this rope gets brushed off the barbs and in doing so pulls a wire, which sets fire to the fuse and it explodes the shell in a few seconds. The shell gets blown to pieces and makes a terrific wound in the whale's interior, and the explosion causes the four barbs to burst out so that it becomes impossible for the harpoon to be withdrawn. The rest of the harpoon consists of a long shaft with a slot in it, in which a ring moves freely with the rope attached.

If the whale is at all well hit, the harpoon gets imbedded about five feet, and unless the rope breaks the animal cannot escape. The rope, which is a very stout one, passes from the harpoon on to a round tray in front of the gun, where a coil of 50 feet or so lies. It then passes backward over a pulley on to the drum of a double steam wind supplied with an immensely powerful brake.

Taken all in all the harpoon gun is about the most exquisitely cruel instrument of destruction devised by the ingenuity of man! But it is only when one sees and knows the prodigious brute it is meant to destroy that one realizes that it is nevertheless none too effective. The gun is never discharged at a greater distance than 50 feet and seldom, indeed, at more than 30 from the whale. To be able to get so near requires not only very fine seamanship, but a very keen knowledge of the habits of the whale.

CULINARY CAPERS.

Rice has a finer flavor if washed in hot water instead of cold before cooking.

A little sugar added to the sauce, soup or vegetable in which rice is to be served, has been used with remedy to the evil.

Spanish sweet peppers and onions added to beef and potato hash give variety to the dish. Serve on slices of toast with a poached egg on top of each.

An excellent salad may be made with a foundation of str. beans. Cut them in short lengths, sprinkle them with chopped chives, season with salt and oil and cover with French dressing.

A plain rice pudding, the variety that is made with rice and milk and without eggs, is much improved if a cupful of sweet meats, blanched and chopped very



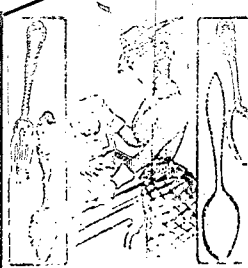
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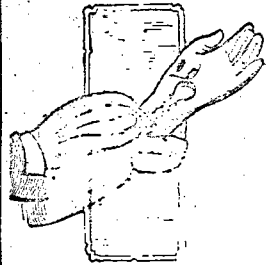
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Rev. J. H. Hector, the Black Knight will lecture in the Methodist church on Thursday evening.

Morrison's confectionery store, 2nd street, is the only place in town where the new French fruits can be obtained. Try them.

Manager Strong, of the Sultana mine was in town today.

The funeral took place on Sunday of Mrs. P. Swanson, service being held at Notre Dame church before the cortege started for Union Park cemetery.

Mr. Ingram and family leave on Christmas day instead of New Years as originally intended, in order to spend a few days at Mrs. Ingram's home in the east.

The inter-rink curling competitions were commenced last night.

Messrs Geo. F. Shepley, N. W. Rowell and John Agnew, lawyers, arrived from Toronto this morning to attend the assizes.

We have been handed by Mr. Pennock, manager of the Bank of Ottawa here, a report of the proceedings of the twenty-seventh annual meeting of shareholders of the bank held at Ottawa Dec. 11. It shows the institution to be in a most prosperous financial position.

WHIST.

If you the modern game of Whist would know, From this great principle its precepts flow: Treat your own hand as in your partner's joined, And play, not one alone, but both combined.

Your first lead makes your partner understand What is the chief component of your hand; And hence there is necessity the strongest: That your first lead be from your suit that's longest.

In this, with ace and king, lead king, then ace; With king and queen, king also has first place; With ace, queen, knave lead ace and then the queen; With ace, four small cards, ace should first be seen; With queen, knave, ten, you let the queen precede: In other cases, you the lowest lead. Ere you return your friend's your own suit play. But trump you must return without delay.

When you return your partner's lead, take pains To lead him back the best your hand contains. If you received not in three trumps at first: If you held more, you may return the worst.

But if you hold not a card, you're bound In most cases to lead your own suit.

When'er you lead, as seldom wrong Is, or through the strong

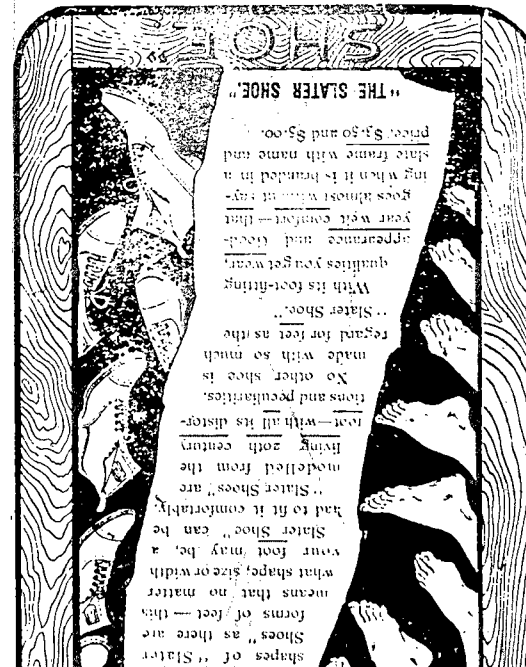
If second hand you must not be played, Unless you hold a trump signed "to be made. Or if you've king and queen, or ace and king Then one of these will be the proper thing

Mind well the rules for trumps, you'll often need them: When you hold five, it's always right to lead them: Or if the suit is not your own, lead to you. Then a suit is better than no suit.

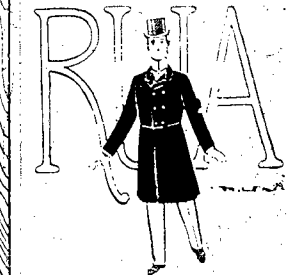
Watch your partner's trump request, To what suit he leads, play out your best

To lead a trump, and up is lead play. Unless you hold a trump, don't lead away

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E. L. Powell, manager of a brick-making business at Nelson B.C., disappeared, being \$40,000 short in his accounts.



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